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Neutrokin- α (As Amended)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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To set reference G1 in context for the Examiner, Applicants also provide herewith a copy of EP Patent No. 1141274 issued to ZymoGenetics and copies of Oppositions to EP Patent No. 1146892 lodged by each of Corixa, HGS, Genentech, and Biogen. Applicants also provide courtesy copies of supporting documents D1-D40 as listed on pages 146-147 of reference G1.

References G2-G4

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	G1	ZymoGenetics' Observations in Reply (158 pages) to Oppositions of EP Patent No. 1141274 lodged by Corixa Corporation, Human Genome Sciences, inc., Genentech, Inc., and Biogen Idec, Inc. The Observations in Reply was filed in the European Patent Office on June 7, 2005.		
	G2	STOHL, W., "A therapeutic role for BLYS antagonists," <i>Lupus</i> , 13:317-322 (2004).		
	G3	NOVAK et al., "Expression of BLYS and its receptors in B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma: correlation with disease activity and patient outcome," <i>Blood</i> , 104(8):2247-2253 (2004).		
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